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WANAQUE RESERVOIR
FLOW LINE EL. 300.3
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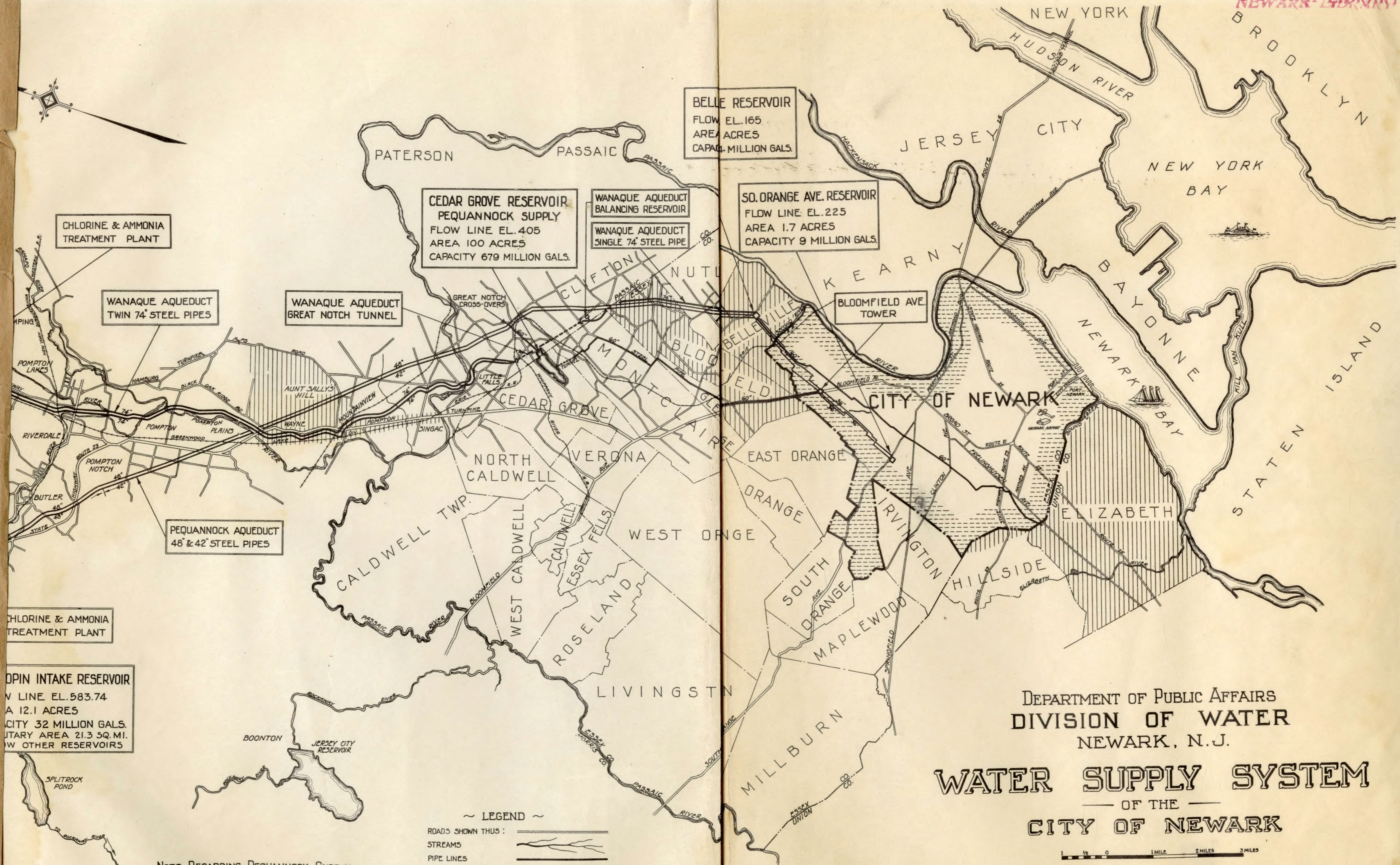
CLINTON RESERVOIR
FLOW LINE EL. 992.0
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CAPACITY 3518 MILLION GALS.
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CANISTEAR RESERVOIR
FLOW LINE EL. 1086.0
AREA 350 ACRES
CAPACITY 2407 MILLION GALS.
TRIBUTARY AREA 5.6 SQ. MI.

OAK RIDGE RESERVOIR
FLOW LINE EL. 846.0
AREA 482 ACRES
CAPACITY 3895 MILLION GALS.
TRIBUTARY AREA 21.7 SQ. MI.
BELOW CANISTEAR

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NOTE REGARDING PEQUANNOCK SUPPLY
WATER IS DRAWN FROM ECHO LAKE, CLINTON,
CANISTEAR AND OAK RIDGE STORAGE RESERVOIRS
THROUGH OUTLET GATES AND FLOWS IN NATURAL
STREAMS TO THE MACOPIN INTAKE RESERVOIR.

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THE PEQUANNOCK SUPPLY

NEWARK'S HIGH-LEVEL SUPPLY, furnishing water principally to the portions of Newark west of Elizabeth Avenue, High Street and Summer Avenue; is the Pequannock Supply. It is owned and operated solely by the City.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY is the Pequannock River, a tributary of the Passaic River. Supply works were built for the most part by the East Jersey Water Company, a company organized by several private interests who owned property and water rights on the river. Construction work was started in 1889 and completed in 1900.

THE PEQUANNOCK WATERSHED of the Newark Water Supply System embraces 63.7 square miles, from which, as developed, it is estimated that 57 million gallons of water daily can be obtained during the driest of years. The city controls 89 per cent of this area, or about 36,250 acres, leaving 11 per cent, or 4500 acres, privately owned. Upon this Watershed have been constructed the following reservoirs:

OAK RIDGE RESERVOIR with an area of 482 acres, a capacity of 3895 million gallons, an elevation of flow line 846 feet above sea level and a tributary area of 21.7 square miles, below Canistear Reservoir. Constructed 1889 to 1892 with flow line 10 feet lower than present level and with 1300 million gallons less capacity. Dam raised 10 feet, 1917 to 1919. Overflow and discharge from Canistear Reservoir passes into or through this reservoir.

CLINTON RESERVOIR with an area of 423 acres, a capacity of 3518 million gallons, an elevation of flow line 992 feet above sea level and a tributary area of 10.5 square miles. Constructed 1889 to 1892.

CANISTEAR RESERVOIR with an area of 350 acres, a capacity of 2407 million gallons, an elevation of flow line 1086 feet above sea level and a tributary area of 5.6 square miles. Constructed 1892 to 1900 as a supplement to the original storage, and required in order that the Pequannock development would be capable of supplying 50 million gallons of water a day.

ECHO LAKE RESERVOIR with an area of 300 acres, a capacity of 1678 million gallons, an elevation of flow line (with flash boards) 894 feet above sea level, and a tributary area of 4.6 square miles. This was originally a natural body of water whose surface was raised, 1889 - 1892, in the original construction work, and from which the city had the right to draw water, but which was not owned entirely by the city. Subsequently, from 1921 to 1925, the entire rights to the reservoir were purchased and improvements were made which increased the available storage.

MACOPIN RESERVOIR with an area of 12.1 acres, a capacity of 32 million gallons, an elevation of flow line 583.74 feet above sea level and a tributary area below the other reservoirs of 21.3 square miles. Constructed 1889 to 1892. Overflow and discharge from all other reservoirs pass into or through this reservoir.

The drainage of the western section of the Watershed is gathered into Oak Ridge, the northeastern into Clinton, the northwestern into Canistear and the eastern into Echo Lake. From these four storage reservoirs water is drawn as required and flows in the natural stream beds to Macopin Reservoir, which is the intake reservoir.

TOTAL STORAGE in the Pequannock Reservoirs is about 11,400,000,000 gallons. Available storage equals 10,500,000,000 gallons, about half a year's supply at the present rate of consumption.

PEQUANNOCK AQUEDUCT - At the intake reservoir, as the name implies, the water is let into the aqueduct which conveys Pequannock water to Newark. This Pequannock Aqueduct consists of two riveted steel pipes which run parallel for about twenty-one miles to Belleville Reservoir. The two pipe lines are separate and independent and can be so operated. The so-called No.1 Line is 48-inch and was constructed 1889 to 1892. Its capacity was not sufficient to deliver the 50 million gallons daily required from the Pequannock supply by the Newark-East Jersey Water Company contract, and in 1896 the No.2 Line was constructed. This line is 48-inch for a distance of about 5 miles and 42-inch for the remainder of its length.

BELLEVILLE RESERVOIR, located in the Town of Belleville, just north of the Newark-Belleville line, serves as an equalizing reservoir for the low portion of Newark east of Elizabeth Avenue, High Street and Summer Avenue. Both Pequannock and Wanaque water can be supplied to the reservoir, but Pequannock is usually used. It has an area of 2.5 acres, a capacity of 14 million gallons and an elevation of flow line 165 feet above sea level. It was completed in 1869 and put in service in 1870 as part of the Belleville Works, authorized by the legislature of 1861 but not constructed until after the Civil War. Originally, water was pumped to it from collecting basins on the westerly bank of the Passaic River in Belleville. From Belleville Reservoir water was distributed to the low portion of Newark west of the Pennsylvania Railroad and to a small reservoir and pumping station located just west of Clifton Avenue opposite Seventh Avenue; the Clifton Avenue Reservoir, until its abandonment in 1912, serving as the distributing reservoir for the portion of Newark east of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Clifton Avenue Pumping

Station, until its abandonment in 1892, supplying directly the highest portions of the city and South Orange Avenue Reservoir (See below). With the completion of the first stage of the Pequannock supply in May 1892, Belleville Reservoir was supplied with water by gravity through the Pequannock Aqueduct directly from Macopin Intake instead of by pumping from the basins at the Passaic River. Upon the completion of Cedar Grove Reservoir in 1904, water therefrom was supplied to Belleville Reservoir, supplemented in recent years by Pequannock water directly from Macopin at times of heavy draft.

SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE RESERVOIR, located at South Orange Avenue and Eighth Street, Newark, is an equalizing reservoir for the portion of Newark lying west of Elizabeth Avenue, High Street and Summer Avenue, and east of Peshine Avenue and Branch Brook Park. It has an area of 1.7 acres, a capacity of 9 million gallons and an elevation of flow line 225 feet above sea level. It was completed in 1871 as the high-service distributing reservoir for the Belleville Works. Water was pumped to this reservoir from Clifton Avenue Reservoir (see under Belleville Reservoir). With the completion of the first part of the Pequannock Supply in 1892, which included a 36-inch steel pipe extension of the 48-inch No.1 Pequannock pipe line from Belleville Reservoir to the South Orange Avenue Reservoir, the Clifton Avenue Pumping Station was abandoned and Pequannock water was supplied directly by gravity to the highest portions of Newark and to South Orange Avenue Reservoir for distribution therefrom, as first stated above. Since the completion of Cedar Grove Reservoir in 1904 as the main distributing reservoir for the Pequannock Supply, South Orange Avenue Reservoir has received its supply of water in general, directly from Cedar Grove Reservoir.

CEDAR GROVE RESERVOIR, located on the mountain above Montclair, is the main distributing reservoir for the Pequannock Supply. It has an area of 100 acres, a capacity of 679 million gallons and an elevation of flow line 405 feet above sea level. Built to provide a reserve of about a 15-day supply closer to the city, it was put in service in 1904. It furnishes opportunity for clarification and sedimentation by storage, and insures clear and pure water to the city when heavy rainfalls cause roily water at the upper reservoirs.

A 60-inch steel pipe, about a mile long, conveys water to this reservoir from the Pequannock Aqueducts at Great Notch, with connection at Great Notch so arranged that water from either or both

Pequannock pipes can be turned into the reservoir or shut off as may be desired.

TRANSMISSION LINES FROM CEDAR GROVE RESERVOIR - An outlet tunnel of horse-shoe section, 7 feet high by 7 feet wide, about 3000 feet long, through the mountain east of the reservoir, followed by about 7 miles of 60-inch steel pipe line through Montclair, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield to Bloomfield Avenue at Sixth Street, Newark, conveys water from Cedar Grove Reservoir to Newark.

From the Bloomfield Avenue Tower, so called (a gate house at Sixth Street, housing meters, which record the flow through five main feeders) Pequannock water is distributed throughout Newark. The highest portions of the city, such as the Vailsburgh, Roseville, Clinton Hill and Silver Lake sections are supplied directly from Cedar Grove Reservoir, in some cases through pressure reducing valves. The High Pressure Fire System in downtown Newark is likewise supplied directly. Two lines convey water from the tower to South Orange Avenue Reservoir for distribution therefrom as previously described; two lines extend to Belleville Reservoir to supply Cedar Grove Reservoir water to it as required for distribution to the low area, and one line connects with the Low Pressure System of downtown Newark at Eighth Avenue, at which point pressure regulating valves permit high pressure water to feed in, whenever needed to maintain the required low pressure.

SANITARY CONTROL AND WATER TREATMENT - Every precaution is taken to safeguard the Pequannock supply. City owned property is posted and policed to exclude undesirable persons. The important portions of the 110 miles of streams are cleaned and patrolled to prevent pollution. Garbage and waste is removed from all occupied properties, whether owned by the city or not. Outside toilets are cleaned and all materials disposed of at a disposal plant. A local doctor is constantly on watch for cases of sickness on the Watershed. The Water Department maintains its own laboratory where daily tests are made of physical characteristics such as color, taste, odor, turbidity, micro-organisms, and of bacteria in the water delivered to Cedar Grove Reservoir and to the City. Weekly microscopical and bacteriological tests are made of the waters of all main streams on the Watershed. Independent bacteriological and sanitary supervision is also exercised by the Newark Department of Health and by the State Department of Health

As water enters the aqueducts at the intake at Macopin it is sterilized with chlorine. Ammonia, in varying amounts, depending upon the season, is

added previous to chlorination, thereby reducing the amount of chlorine required and producing more satisfactory results. After this so-called chloramine treatment the water goes to Cedar Grove reservoir, where as a result of aeration, storage and exposure to sunlight, it is improved in clarity, color and taste.

From time to time, as microscopical examinations of stream and reservoir waters show the presence of micro-organisms that affect taste and odor, such waters are treated with copper-sulphate. This treatment destroys organisms before they increase to such an extent as to be offensive.

THE WANAUKE SUPPLY

NEWARK'S LOW LEVEL SUPPLY, furnishing water to the low-lying portions of Newark east of Elizabeth Avenue, High Street and Summer Avenue, is from the Wanaque River, a tributary of the Passaic River. Supply works were built by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission for the City of Newark and seven other municipalities. Construction work was started in 1920 and completed in 1930.

THE WANAUKE WATERSHED embraces 94.4 square miles, from which, during the driest of years, it is expected that an average of about 100 million gallons daily of water can be obtained. This so-called "safe Yield" of the Wanaque Project is allocated to the participants as follows:

Newark	40.5 M.G.D.	Clifton	6.75 M.G.D.
Paterson	20 M.G.D.	Montclair	5 M.G.D.
Kearny	12 M.G.D.	Bloomfield	4 M.G.D.
Passaic	11 M.G.D.	Glen Ridge	0.75 M.G.D.

WANAUKE RESERVOIR - The storage reservoir of this development has an area of 2300 acres, a capacity of 27,600 million gallons and an elevation of flow line 300 feet above sea level.

RAYMOND DAM - The main dam of Wanaque Reservoir is located in the Borough of Wanaque, near the Village of Wanaque in the County of Passaic, New Jersey. It is an earth dam, 1500 feet long and 100 feet high above the original ground surface, with concrete core wall to bed rock 90 feet below the original surface. Slightly more than a million cubic yards of earth are contained in this structure.

Seven other smaller dams close low points in the hills surrounding the reservoir. A concrete overflow-weir 550 feet long is just south of Raymond Dam.

WANAQUE AQUEDUCT conveys water from Wanaque Reservoir at Raymond Dam to Belleville Reservoir, where connection is made with the Pequannock System. The aqueduct consists of (a) 485 feet of 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe laid in a tunnel through the rock wall just south of the Raymond Dam, at one end connected by about 300 feet of 84-inch steel pipe with the headworks at the dam, and at the lower end extended with 100 feet of 84-inch steel pipe to a connection chamber; (b) from this point 72,950 feet of twin 74-inch lock-bar steel pipe line, cross connected at six points, followed by 161 feet of single 74-inch lock-bar steel pipe extending to a tunnel through the mountain at Great Notch; (c) Great Notch Tunnel of horse-shoe-section, concrete lined, 7 feet high by 7 feet wide, with a length of 9,400 feet and with 66-inch reinforced concrete pipe placed inside of the tunnel for a distance of 462 feet at the westerly end, and 944 feet at the easterly end, to resist internal water pressure for which the tunnel was not originally designed, and (d) 24,340 feet of single 74-inch lock-bar steel pipe from Great Notch Tunnel to the Newark take-off at Belleville Reservoir.

WANAQUE PUMPING STATION, located at Raymond Dam, makes the full head of the Wanaque Reservoir available for transmitting water through Wanaque Aqueduct. Whenever necessary, as the water surface in the reservoir drops, the pumps may be operated to raise the head on the aqueduct to that corresponding to a water surface at Elevation 300.

A BALANCING RESERVOIR for equalizing the flow in the Wanaque Aqueduct is located in Clifton near the easterly end of Great Notch Tunnel. It is a covered concrete reservoir having a capacity of 15 million gallons, with overflow at Elevation 258.

THE COST OF THE WANAQUE PROJECT was about \$26,542,000, exclusive of interest during construction. Newark's 40.5 million gallons daily allotment in the Wanaque Project cost \$14,509,617.28, of which \$3,098,890.77 was interest during construction.

WATER TREATMENT - Water, as it leaves Wanaque Reservoir, is chlorinated after ammonia gas is added to produce the chloramine treatment found so successful on the Pequannock Supply. Wanaque water is also lime treated to overcome its natural acidity. The lime is added after the chlorine. Now and then, during the year as required, copper sulphate is applied to the water in portions of the reservoir to control growths of micro-organisms. Aerators are provided at Raymond Dam for use as required to eliminate taste and odors. The very large storage in Wanaque Reservoir produces a water low in color, free from turbidity and of good bacterial quality.

EARLY HISTORY OF NEWARK'S WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

THE WATERING PLACE - In the original layout of Newark, following its settlement in 1666, the founders set aside a small triangular plot on the south side of Market Street, west of Washington Street, which was known as "The Watering Place". Settlers watered their cattle there and carried water away in pails for home use. For more than a century after the founding of Newark, the people depended for their water supply upon this watering place near the four corners and upon wells dug as the need arose. Town pumps were established at different points. Fire cisterns were also constructed at a number of places. They were brick chambers built beneath the streets, with arched top and an opening through which the water could be pumped out and used to extinguish fires.

THE NEWARK AQUEDUCT COMPANY - In 1800 farsighted citizens, seeing the need for a water supply system to serve the rapidly growing community, incorporated the Newark Aqueduct Company. It was created by an act of the Legislature passed November 17, 1800. The company laid wooden conduits to convey water from the springs west of High Street and south of Thirteenth Avenue, which were the source of the stream supplying the old watering place. These first conduits were logs about 12 inches in diameter, bored with a 4-inch hole, the logs being pointed at one end, reamed out at the other end and driven together to form a continuous pipe line. They were laid along Market Street with branches along several side streets. It was the wonder of the age when the streets were opened for the laying of these first mains. Queries were made without number, and many an old timer viewed with alarm the new-fangled notion of bringing water from distant springs to the back door. Well water was good enough, many people thought; the alarmist was abroad, as he is in every generation, predicting all sorts of evil consequences. The town might be flooded some day when the pipes had rotted away, and other calamities were sure to follow.

The first reservoir in the system was probably a reservoir 106 feet long and 38 feet wide, with a depth of about 12 feet, constructed at South Orange Avenue and Springfield Avenue, to collect the water from the springs in this locality. Cast-iron pipe was soon substituted for the wooden conduits. Just when this was done is not known, but perhaps about 1830, as the 10-inch outlet pipe from this reservoir, uncovered in a collar excavation about 1915, was of cast-iron and of a very early pattern.

(EARLY HISTORY)

The sequence of subsequent additions to the system are in doubt, but it seems reasonable to assume that at about this same time, 1830, water from springs south of Sussex Avenue and east of First Street was conducted by another iron pipe line to a small reservoir north of Orange Street, between Boyden and High Streets, to supply the northerly portion of the town. This pipe ran for about 800 feet in the bed of the Morris Canal. It seems likely that it was laid at the time the canal was being built, which was between 1827 and 1836.

The next step of expansion of the Newark water supply is believed to have taken place between 1840 and 1845, and to have consisted of the construction of a rather elaborate system of springs, driven wells and connecting pipe lines on both sides of the Morris Canal in the little valley north of Orange Street and west of Clifton Avenue, now covered in part by Branch Brook Park Lake. Seventy-three wells and springs, with pipes and gates, were revealed when the lake was drained a few years previous to 1900. A 12-inch cast-iron pipe, then considered of monster size, conveyed water from the springs and wells west of the Morris Canal, under the canal, to a small covered reservoir in the Branch Brook basin near Seventh Avenue, about 75 feet above sea level. Water from the springs and driven wells east of the canal also flowed to this reservoir, as did water from the springs previously referred to, south of Sussex Avenue and east of First Street. From this reservoir the water flowed through a 10-inch pipe to another reservoir at the old Needle Factory on Mill Brook, just west of what is now Clifton Avenue. It was about forty feet long, thirty feet wide and fourteen feet deep, and was known as the "Reservoir in the Quarry". From this reservoir a 10-inch cast-iron pipe ran easterly to Quarry Street (now Eighth Avenue) at Factory Street, and continued in Quarry Street to Broad Street, and in Broad Street to Orange Street. At the Needle Factory, and also at the Washington Factory located lower down on Mill Brook, at what is now Factory Street, opposite Drift Street, were additional springs from which the water was pumped by water power, and when that failed, by steam power. Most of these features are referred to in the agreement between the Newark Aqueduct Company and the Newark Aqueduct Board dated December 9, 1845, and all are shown on a map of the Aqueduct Company's property as of 1855.

In this supplementing of the supply, and perhaps as the first step, wells were driven in the old spring lot south of Sussex Avenue and in the vicinity of the old Lock Street school on the east side of Lock Street

(Early History)

north of Central Avenue and connected to the pipe line running to the Orange Street reservoir previously referred to as supplying the northerly portion of the town.

BEGINNING OF MUNICIPAL SUPPLY - Agitation for municipal ownership of the water supply began in 1837, the year following the adoption of the city charter. A bill was passed by the Legislature on February 28, 1838, empowering the city to raise money for a water plant. The private interests owning the Aqueduct Company were powerful enough and shrewd enough to have inserted in the act a provision compelling the city to buy out the company. Instead, the city entered into a contract with the Aqueduct Company on December 9, 1845, for a water supply for fire-fighting purposes, and assumed all future responsibilities in regard to the development of the system of pipes for distributing the water to fire hydrants and cisterns, while the Aqueduct Company continued to supply the domestic needs of the citizens of Newark.

Continued agitation for, and study of the possibilities of obtaining, a municipal supply from other sources, continued. On September 6, 1856 a committee appointed by the Common Council of the city reported that Second River could not be considered because of valuable mill sites, and that the Passaic River at Little Falls was also out of the question on account of preemption of water rights by private interests, the Society for the Establishing of Useful Manufactures. The rights of the Morris Canal Company were also considered, and Lake Hopatcong, Budd's Lake and other sources were inspected, but all were too distance. The only sources remaining were those of the Aqueduct Company and the Passaic River below Paterson.

NEWARK AQUEDUCT BOARD - On March 20, 1860 the Legislature created the Newark Aqueduct Board, composed of the Mayor and six citizens, and transferred to it the entire holdings of the Newark Aqueduct Company for the sum of \$150,000, giving the Board the right to operate and develop the system. The Board was authorized to issue bonds to this amount, bearing interest at 7 per cent and redeemable one-half in 1866 and one-half in 1871. The holdings included the spring lots, properties along Mill Brook, the Branch Brook tract and reservoirs, together with the part of the distributing system still owned by the company, consisting of seventeen miles of water pipe, 14,000 feet being 10-inch, 3,500 feet being 8-inch, 7,000 feet being 6-inch and the balance being 3-inch and under. Parts of this property were sold by the city for about \$70,000, and other parts valued at

\$75,000 were ultimately transferred to the Essex County Park Commission during the early years of the construction of Branch Brook Park.

Recommendations were immediately made by the Board's engineer that a new source of supply be acquired either from the Passaic River or from the Morris Canal. Authority was granted by the Legislature of 1861 for the building of works at Belleville to take water from the Passaic River. Construction was delayed by the Civil War, and the Board proceeded with such extensions and improvements of the old works as were imperatively needed. The old springs were enlarged and deepened, but no considerable increase in flow resulted. In 1862 a new reservoir was built by cleaning out the old basin in Branch Brook, east of the canal, and raising and strengthening the banks. In 1865 a second reservoir was built, adjoining the first on the north. The capacity of the two was about 12 million gallons. The level was about 87 feet above sea level, ten or twelve feet higher than the old reservoirs. The construction of these reservoirs rendered the old reservoirs at Orange Street and at South Orange Avenue near High Street, as well as the "Reservoir in the Quarry" of no use, and they were abandoned. A 24-inch cast-iron main was laid in place of the original 10-inch from the new reservoirs to the corner of Quarry Street (now Eighth Avenue) and Broad Street. Water in considerable quantity was also drawn directly from the Morris Canal, by agreement with the Morris Canal Company, for a stipulated price.

BELLEVILLE WORKS - In 1866 property was bought in Belleville, construction work began in 1867 and the new Belleville works were put in operation in 1870. They consisted of a reservoir (Belleville Reservoir) at elevation 165 feet above tide water, having a capacity of 14 million gallons; two basins each covering about an acre on the west bank of the Passaic River in the northeasterly corner of Belleville, into which ground water from the hills to the west and from the river could filter, and which were filled at each flood tide with water from the river through a five-foot conduit about three hundred feet long, extending from the basins to the river bank, and a pumping station to lift the water from the collecting basins to Belleville Reservoir. In September 1871, South Orange Avenue Reservoir was completed as a high service reservoir, to which water was pumped by a pumping engine located at the corner of Factory Street and Eighth Avenue. This same year it was decided to build a new low service distributing reservoir to take the place of the Branch Brook Reservoirs. A site in the old quarry hole

west of what is now Clifton Avenue, opposite Seventh Avenue, at an elevation of 114 feet above sea level 27 feet higher than the old reservoirs, was selected, and during the next few years the Clifton Avenue Reservoir was built, together with a new high service pumping station. Water from Belleville Reservoir was delivered to the suction well at the Clifton Avenue pumping station, from which it overflowed into Clifton Avenue reservoir. The area east of the Pennsylvania Railroad was supplied from the Clifton Avenue reservoir, the area between the railroad and High Street was supplied from Belleville reservoir, the area west of High Street, except for the highest parts, was supplied from South Orange Avenue reservoir, and the highest parts were supplied directly by pumping from the High Service pumping station. Extensions to the distribution system were made, so that by 1876 it was reported to consist of 126 miles of mains as compared with 19 miles in 1860, and the average daily consumption had increased from 800,000 gallons to 6,200,000 gallons daily.

DISSATISFACTION WITH PASSAIC RIVER WATER - Almost immediately complaints were made of the quality of the water, which was affected by the pollution from the cities farther up the river. These complaints increased and the consumption became far in excess of the capacity of the supply, even though many of the old abandoned wells and springs were again put into service and other local additions to the system were made. The aqueduct Board found the financing of the work difficult, due to the low maturity of the bonds, and in addition to all the other troubles, the time of maturity of the bonds issued in connection with the construction of the Belleville works was approaching.

PEQUANNOCK RECOMMENDED - In 1879, the eminent engineering firm of Croes & Howell, which had been engaged to report on a new water system, recommended obtaining a supply from the Pequannock River. About this same period, Mayor Haynes of Newark suggested the possibility of a cooperative effort on the part of a group of municipalities. This is probably one of the earliest considerations in water supply matters of the cooperative idea which was consummated forty-five years later in the Wanaque project. As against the plan of a public supply, propositions were advanced for the purchase of water by the city, from water works owned by private capital such as the Society for the Establishing of Useful Manufactures (S. U. M.), the Morris Canal and other private interests. Bills were introduced in the Legislature to secure franchises for doing this, and the power of the city to acquire water outside its own limits was challenged. Public interest culminated in 1887 in a mass meeting, at which a committee was appointed composed of seven

leading citizens of the city and members of the Aqueduct Board. This committee presented a printed report approving a plan for a municipal water supply to be developed from the upper tributaries of the Passaic and rejecting the idea of purchasing filtered Passaic River water from private water companies or driving more wells.

PEQUANNOCK SUPPLY BUILT BY EAST JERSEY WATER COMPANY-

After negotiations a contract was entered into on September 24, 1889, with the East Jersey Water Company, a consolidation of private interests owning property and water-rights on the Passaic River and its tributaries, which was organized to construct storage reservoirs in the Pequannock Watershed and an aqueduct capable of delivering to Newark 50 million gallons daily, by May 1892, for a total cost of \$6,000,000. By the date agreed upon, the Oak Ridge, Clinton and Macopin reservoirs, and 21 miles of 48-inch steel pipe were completed and the first Pequannock water was delivered to Belleville reservoir. For the deferment of the payment of \$2,000,000 of the total, the East Jersey Water Company agreed to operate the supply works but to retain the right to 22.5 million gallons daily for a period of eight years, or until September 24, 1900, during which period the city's allowance would be limited to 27.5 million gallons per day. Many controversies arose regarding the capacity of the pipe line and the adequacy of the storage to assure the 50 million gallons daily supply to the city. The company added the Canistear reservoir to the storage and built a second steel pipe line in 1896.

BELLEVILLE WELLS - In 1898 the allotment of 27.5 million gallons daily which Newark had the right to draw from the Pequannock was insufficient for the city's needs, and during a severe cold spell early in the year it was necessary to pump water directly from the Passaic River at Belleville. To prevent a recurrence of this dangerous emergency measure, and to make certain an adequate supply for the remaining two years until the entire Pequannock plant should be turned over to Newark, a rather extensive system of driven wells was installed at the old Belleville pumping station. During 1898 and 1899 the city began the installation of water meters. The resulting curtailment of waste reduced the consumption of water to such a point that the limitation until 1900 of 27.5 million gallons daily from the Pequannock caused no further shortage, and the driven wells at Belleville were never called upon for any continued supply.

PEQUANNOCK SUPPLY ACQUIRED BY NEWARK - Legal proceedings were instituted on the part of the city in 1900 to

force the East Jersey Water Company to fulfill its Pequannock Supply Contract in regard to several points in controversy. Reports and testimony by the foremost hydraulic engineers of that period, John R. Freeman, J.J.R. Croes, Frederick P. Stearns and Desmond Fitzgerald, showed the need of additional works built by the East Jersey Water Company in 1896, to assure a yield and delivery of 50 million gallons daily from the Pequannock Watershed. The points in controversy were finally settled and a decree in Chancery was mutually agreed upon, which gave the city practically all it had claimed. All of the reservoirs and pipe lines built by the company on the Pequannock Watershed were turned over to the city on September 24, 1900, and, with the final payment to the company of \$2,000,000, the entire Pequannock Water Supply system became the property of the City of Newark.